In-patients in the General Hospital, Ernakulam.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

113. Of the in-patients in the General Hospital at Ernakulam during each of the last five years,

(a) how many were (1) Cochinites, (2) non-Cochinites ?

(b) how many were (1) Tamil Brahmans, (2) Nambudiries, (3) Nayars, (4) Other caste-Hindus, (5) Christians, (6) Muhammadans, (7) Jews, (8) Konkani Brahmans, (9) Valans and (10) Others ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Under the Standing Orders nominal registers and the registers of classes and sexes are to be preserved only for a year. It is not, therefore, possible to furnish information except for the year 1100.

(a) Cochinites 2,922; non-Cochinites 464 in 1100.

(b) According to the registers in use, the patients are classified under 'Europeans and Eurasians', 'Muhammadans' 'Hindus' and 'Other classes'. It is not, therefore, possible to furnish the statistics in the form called for.

The Depressed Classes Development Society.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

114. Will the Government be pleased to inform

(i) what the Depressed Classes Development Society has done for the last one year?

(ii) what the object of Government was in constituting that Society ?

(iii) whether the Government have spent any amount for the last one year towards the working of the Committee, and if so, how much ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(i) The huts in the Pulaya Colony were repaired and rethatched, trees were planted, *mattoms* and fences were put up; various other items of work were also carried out under the supervision of the Society. Bamboo mat industry was also carried on under the management of the Society.

(ii) The Society was not constituted by Government.

(iii) No amount was spent by Government towards the working of the Society. The Society is only the agent of the Government for managing the Colony.

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